

Albert Lafayette Ward and Sarah Peters

Albert Lafayette Ward was born 7 December 1859 in Spencer Twp., Ralls County, Missouri. The 1860 census says Albert was 5 months old when it was taken July 6, 1860. The 1870 census says he was born in Canada but he is one of the children who wasn't. His parents were Daniel D. Ward and Harriet Newell Cooke.

His father's anti slavery views made them unwelcome in Missouri and they were "encouraged" to leave there. Family lore says the Bushwhackers visited one night; had a noose around Daniel's neck but Harriet begged them to let him go. They left right away. I can't find any proof that the Bushwhackers were in that area but maybe they were. The Nevada Daily Mail June 15, 1994 had this article.

Bushwhacking in Chariton—Six Union Men Killed.

We learn that on Christmas eve, the noted bushwhacker, Jim Jackson and his men killed six men in Chariton county, a part of whom resided at Muscle Fork and the others on Bee Branch. Three of them, old man Lowe and son and a Mr. Jackson, were killed at home, and our informant supposes the others, whose names are not given, were also. The murdered men were all Radical Unionists. We are told that this Jackson and his band of fiends, roam almost at pleasure over the counties of Chariton, Howard and that region of country.

The above is clipped from the Jefferson City Times and furnishes an additional chapter in the wretched and bloody drama being enacted in the unfortunate county of Chariton. In this instance, as we are informed, the atrocities have been committed by a lawless band of bushwhackers, armed marauders, not recognized as soldiers by either of the parties to the calamitous civil war now desolating large tracts of our common country, and therefore properly denounced by all as enemies of mankind. It would be some relief in contemplating the frequent acts of murder and arson perpetrated in Chariton, in the past six or seven months, could the mind be satisfied that all the long list of outrage and crime enacted in that county was the work of these little less than demons. Unfortunately, that has not been the case.

The first instance of assassination—and all the killing done in Chariton county deserves the name of assassination—was the killing of Mr. PHILLIPS, a Union man, by a bush-

whacker. In this instance, the killing was mutual, Mr. P. having fired his weapon simultaneously with his assailant, and both were killed. This affair occurred sometime in May last.

Shortly after the killing of Mr. PHILLIPS, the atrocious wretch TRUSMAN, entered the county under pretended authority from Gen. ROSECRANS, commanding the Department of Missouri, and Gen. Fisk, then and since in command of the District in which Chariton county is included. He signaled the commencement of his atrocities by hanging WALKER, VEAL and STARK, and shooting FOX, JENNINGS and BREVIER. None of these men had been convicted of committing any offence against the Government, whilst BREVIER was well known as a Union-loving and law abiding citizen. TRUSMAN, and the gang under him, stole large quantities of private property, including clothing, money and jewelry, all of which was taken without any legal warrant, and only a part of which was turned over to the Federal authorities by TRUSMAN when arrested. This outlaw further signaled his atrocities in Chariton, by burning the house of Mr. ANSEL JOHNSON, a farmer residing a few miles from Keytesville, and destroying the valuable contents, except so much as was carried off by this band of plunderers. TRUSMAN, as our readers may remember, was tried by a military commission and sentenced to be hung, an end which he richly merited, and from which he was saved by General ROSECRANS commuting his punishment to imprisonment during the war.

Harriet delivered a still born son in Payson, Adams Co., Illinois and died Dec. 1861. It was all downhill for the family after Harriet died. None of the siblings were together, the oldest boys having joined the Union army and the rest of the children scattered. Where were Daniel's and Harriet's family? Why didn't they step up and take the children?

SCHEDULE 1. Free Inhabitants in Spencer Township **in the County of** Reels **State** Missouri **enumerated by me, on the** 18th **day of** July **1880.** John P. Brown Ass't Marshal.
Post Office New London

Family number in the order of visitation.	Family number in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1880, was in this family.	Description.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	Value of Estate Owned.		Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Assessed as school within the year.	Persons over 21 years of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
			Age	Sex	Color		Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
382	340	John C. Nichols	34	m		Farmer	500	500	Mo				
		Reuben	38	f					"				
		Heiron	9	m					"				
		Reuben E	7	f					"				
		William J	5	m					"				
		Ann M	1	f					"				
383	341	Samuel J. Ward	45	m		"	500	250	Prussia Edwards, Mo				
		Harriet N	38	f					Novia Scotia				
		Charles F	19	m		Farmer Laborer			"				
		Margaret M	17	f					"				
		Francis C	15	m					C. M.				
		Frank A	13	f					"				
		Henry A	11	m					"				
		Harriet N	10	f					Mich				
		Reuben	8	f					C. M.				
		William C	6	m					"				
		Mary L	4	f					"				
		John W	2	m					Ill.				
		Albert L	5	m					Mo				
384	342	John L. Clarke	52	m		Farmer	700	1200	Mo				
		Isabel G	41	f					"				
		Adala W	10	f					Mo				
		Isabel G	9	f					"				
		Samson E	8	f					"				
		John W	5	m					"				
385	343	Joseph	1	m					"				
386	344	Gilbert J. Thompson	49	m		"	1400	1200	Mo				
		Mary S	33	f					Mo				
		Green G	14	m					"				
		John H	12	m					"				
		Harriet G	9	f					"				
		William J	7	m					"				
		Joseph H	5	m					"				
		James Hall	21	m		Laborer			Mo				
		James Clamport	21	m		Farmer Laborer			"				
387	345	John P. Fisher	37	m		Farmer	3000	900	Mo				
		Rebecca L	33	f					Mo				
		Harvey P	4	f					Mo				
		John T	3	m					"				
		Volmar A	1	m					"				
No. white males, <u>73</u> No. colored males, _____ No. foreign born, _____ No. blind, _____ No. white females, <u>19</u> No. colored females, _____ No. deaf and dumb, _____ No. insane, _____ <u>14700</u> <u>15950</u> No. idiots, _____ No. paupers, _____ No. convicts, _____													

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Duckhart Township, in the County of Huilton; State
of Illinois, enumerated by me on the 4th day of July, 1870.
Post Office: Canton, Illinois Walter V. Langworthy, Ass't Marshal.

Dwellings numbered in order of valuation.		Families numbered in order of valuation.		DESCRIPTION.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	VALUE OF REAL ESTATE OWNED.		Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	PARENTAGE.			Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	Males, children of U. S. of 18 years of age and up, who are entitled to vote in the election of electors for President and Vice President, or of members of Congress, or of members of the State Legislature, or of members of the State or Territorial Council, or of members of the State or Territorial Senate, or of members of the State or Territorial House of Representatives, or of members of the State or Territorial Court, or of members of the State or Territorial Executive Council, or of members of the State or Territorial Board of Supervisors, or of members of the State or Territorial Board of Education, or of members of the State or Territorial Board of Agriculture, or of members of the State or Territorial Board of Commerce, or of members of the State or Territorial Board of Health, or of members of the State or Territorial Board of Prisoners, or of members of the State or Territorial Board of Charities, or of members of the State or Territorial Board of Lunatics, or of members of the State or Territorial Board of Insane, or of members of the State or Territorial Board of Deaf and Dumb, or of members of the State or Territorial Board of Blind, or of members of the State or Territorial Board of Idiots.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		8	9		10	11	12			13	14	15	16
1	292	287	Brown, Symon	70	M	24	Laborer			New York									1
2			— Catharine	62	F	24	Keeper House			Pennsylvania									
3			— Peter Francis	16	F	24				Illinois									
4	293	288	Johnson, Mary	40	F	24	Keeper House	500		Pennsylvania									
5			— Jacob	12	M	24				Illinois									
6			— Mathias	10	M	24				Illinois									
7			— Mary J	8	F	24				Illinois									
8			— Lewis	6	M	24				Illinois									
9			— Elmore	4	F	24				Illinois									
10			— William	2	M	24				Illinois									
11			— Charles	16	M	24	Laborer			Indiana									
12	294	289	Beach, Henry	50	M	24	Laborer	600		Connecticut									1
13			— Mary	43	F	24	Keeper House			Indiana									
14			— Clara	15	F	24				Ohio									
15	295	284	Ball, David	26	M	24	Farmer	9200	900	Illinois									1
16			— Pauline	57	F	24	Keeper House			Indiana									
17			— Perry	14	M	24	W. House			Illinois									
18	296	283	Metcalf, James	49	M	24	Farmer	3000	1000	Illinois									1
19			— Sarah	35	F	24	Keeper House			Ireland									
20			— Jacob	12	M	24				Illinois									
21			— Mary	8	F	24				Illinois									
22			— Samuel	6	M	24				Illinois									
23			— Harry	4	F	24				Illinois									
24			— Emma	2	F	24				Illinois									
25	297	286	Evans, Joseph	66	M	24	Farm Laborer	600		Ohio									1
26			— Elizabeth	63	F	24	Keeper House			Virginia									
27			— Richard	20	M	24	W. Shopper			Ohio									
28			— Ward, Sophia	12	M	24				Missouri									
29	298	287	Peters, Abraham	71	M	24	Farmer	6000	1200	Virginia									1
30			— Elizabeth	67	F	24	Keeper House			Virginia									
31	299	288	Peters, William	34	M	24	Farmer	600		Ohio									1
32			— Eliza	24	F	24	Keeper House			Illinois									
33			— Sarah	7	F	24				Illinois									
34			— Sherman	5	M	24				Illinois									
35			— Mary	2	F	24				Illinois									
36			— John	1	M	24				Illinois									
37	300	289	Boardman, Lewis	68	M	24	Farmer	4000		Virginia									1
38			— Mary A	17	F	24	Keeper House			Missouri									
39			— James	15	M	24				Illinois									
40			— Emma	6	F	24				Illinois									
9		No. of dwellings, _____		No. of white females, _____		No. of males, foreign born, _____		13208 5,700		No. of insane, _____		8		No. of deaf and dumb, _____		No. of blind, _____		No. of idiotic, _____	
		" " families, _____		" " colored males, _____		" " females, " _____													
		" " white males, _____		" " females, _____		" " blind, _____													

Joseph and Elezabeth Evans, both in their 60s. Also in the home was Richard Evans age 20. Lafetta's age is given as 12.

Is this our Albert going by Laffette?? I don't know who these people are.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Newton Township, in the County of Chickasaw, State of Alabama, enumerated by me on the 25th day of July, 1870.

Post Office: Quasqueton H. H. Turner, Ass't Marshal.

1	2	3	DESCRIPTION.			7	VALUE OF REAL ESTATE OWNED.		10	PARENTAGE.		13	14	15	16	17	18	CONSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS.	
			Age last birthday, if under 15, in months, if under 1, in days.	Sex—Male (M), Female (F).	Color—White (W), Colored (C), Indian (I).		Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.		Father of foreign birth.	Mother of foreign birth.							Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	Main Children of U. S. of 18 years of age and up.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	X	John Patrick	5	M	W				Wisconsin	/	/								
2		—	3	M	W				Wisconsin	/	/								
3		—	1	M	W				Wisconsin	/	/								
4	29	29	McCoy John	45	M	W	Farmer	4800	4130	Ireland	/	/						/	
5		—	—	16	F	W	Keeping House			Ireland	/	/							
6		—	—	14	M	W			Ireland	/	/								
7	30	30	Devlin William	21	M	W	Farmer			Ireland	/	/				/	/		
8		—	—	10	M	W			Canada	/	/								
9		—	Devlin John	60	M	W	Farmer	4980	2890	Ireland	/	/				/	/		/
10		—	—	50	F	W	Keeping House			Ireland	/	/				/	/		
11		—	—	15	M	W			Ireland	/	/								
12		—	—	12	M	W			Ireland	/	/								
13		—	—	10	F	W			Ireland	/	/								
14	31	31	Wynn Michael	50	M	W	Farmer			Ireland	/	/				/	/		/
15		—	—	20	F	W	Keeping House			Ireland	/	/				/	/		
16		—	—	14	M	W			Indiana	/	/								
17		—	—	10	F	W			Kentucky	/	/								
18		—	—	8	F	W			Kentucky	/	/								
19		—	—	6	F	W			Kentucky	/	/								
20		—	—	2	F	W			Ireland	/	/								
21	32	32	Smith Patrick	50	M	W	Farmer	3200	2000	Ireland	/	/						/	
22		—	—	48	F	W	Keeping House			Ireland	/	/				/	/		
23		—	—	20	F	W			Wisconsin	/	/								
24		—	—	18	F	W			Wisconsin	/	/								
25		—	—	17	F	W			Wisconsin	/	/								
26		—	—	13	F	W			Ireland	/	/								
27		—	—	16	M	W			Wisconsin	/	/								
28		—	—	14	M	W			Wisconsin	/	/								
29		—	—	11	M	W			Ireland	/	/								
30		—	—	10	F	W			Ireland	/	/								
31		—	—	4	F	W			Ireland	/	/								
32	33	33	Evans Patrick	55	M	W	Farmer	1800	770	Ireland	/	/						/	
33		—	—	46	F	W	Keeping House			Ireland	/	/				/	/		
34		—	—	13	M	W			Ireland	/	/								
35		—	—	11	M	W			Ireland	/	/								
36		—	—	7	M	W			Ireland	/	/								
37	34	34	Baragry Michael	42	M	W	Farmer	2600	840	Ireland	/	/						/	
38		—	—	31	F	W	Keeping House			Ireland	/	/				/	/		
39		—	—	9	M	W			Ireland	/	/								
40		—	—	8	F	W			Ireland	/	/								
66		No. of dwellings, 7		No. of white females, 17		No. of males, foreign born, 9		No. of insane, —											
		" " families, 7		" " colored males, —		" " females, " —													
		" " white males, 28		" " females, —		" " blind, —													
								17380		12520		4000		14		6			

My guess is that the personal estate in Albert's column belongs to John Devlin. This is poorly written. Albert worked for John McCoy. Was he living with McCoys or

Devlins? John Devlin's grandmother on his mother's side was Mary J Ward who married Peter McEnany. Their daughter, Katie married John Devlin Sr. Katie's brother, Peter McEnany, married Ann Ward. I haven't found any relationship between the Ward women and none to Albert. There must be a reason Albert is living with them. Or did the census taker make a huge error on this page and Albert was living with John McCay who he later worked for?

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Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.
 Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.
 Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Newton Township, in the County of Buchanan, State of Pa
 enumerated by me on the 18th & 19th days of June, 1880.

John W. Foreman
 Enumerator.

In Cities	Name of Head	House Number	Family numbered in order of visitation	The Name of each Person whose place of abode, on the 1st day of June, 1880, was in this family	Personal Description	Relationship of each person to the head of the family, or to the wife, or to the husband, or to the father, or to the mother, or to the brother, or to the sister, or to the son, or to the daughter, or to the grandchild, or to the grandparent, or to the other	Civil Condition	Occupation	Health	Education	Nativity			
											Place of Birth of this person, and of the State or Territory of his birth, or of foreign birth	Place of Birth of the father of this person, and of the State or Territory of his birth, or of foreign birth	Place of Birth of the mother of this person, and of the State or Territory of her birth, or of foreign birth	
	114	116		Thord John H M 47				Farming				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Rosa W F 38	Wife			Keeping House				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				James W M 16	Son			At School				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Edward W M 13	Son			At School				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Alice W F 11	Daughter			At School				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Catherine W F 9	Daughter			At School				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				William W M 7	Son			At School				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				John W M 5	Son			At School				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Leah W F 3	Daughter			At Home				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
	115	117		Ryan Dennis W M 56				Farming				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Bridget W F 56	Wife			Keeping House				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Ellen W F 13	Daughter			At Home				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Bridget W F 11	Daughter			At School				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Sarah W F 9	Daughter			At School				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Catherine W F 8	Daughter			At School				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Elizabeth W F 7	Daughter			At School				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
	116	118		McCay James W M 25				Farming				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Boxer W F 25	Wife			Keeping House				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
	117	119		McDonald John W M 35				Farming				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Matilda W F 26	Wife			Keeping House				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Matilda W F 8	Daughter			At School				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Sarah W F 6	Daughter			At School				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				William W M 4	Son			At Home				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Albert W M 2	Son			At Home				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Michael W M 2	Son			At Home				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
	118	120		Dargatz John W M 53				Farming				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Martha W F 34	Wife			Keeping House				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Charles W M 25	Son			Farming				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Emma W F 21	Daughter			At Home				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Mary W F 15	Daughter			At School				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
	119	121		Turkey William W M 17	Head of Family			Farm Laborer				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				McCay John W M 63				Farming				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				John W F 53	Wife			Keeping House				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Thord Albert W M 20	Head of Family			Farm Laborer				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Summersville Howard W M 23	Head of Family			Farm Laborer				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Ried Joseph W F 22	Daughter			At Home				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
	120	122		Devlin John W M 66				Farming				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Catherine W F 66	Wife			Keeping House				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Patrick W M 23	Son			Farming				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				John W M 20	Son			Farming				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Woods Barney W M 18	Head of Family			Farm Laborer				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Elizabeth John W M 18	Daughter			At School				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				McCay Sarah W F 12	Daughter			At Home				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
	121	123		Holman Isaac W M 46				Farming				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Martha W F 43	Wife			Keeping House				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				William W M 16	Son			At Home				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Ellen W F 13	Daughter			At School				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Albert W M 10	Son			At Home				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				John W M 7	Son			At School				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland
				Sarah W F 0	Daughter			At School				Ireland	Ireland	Ireland

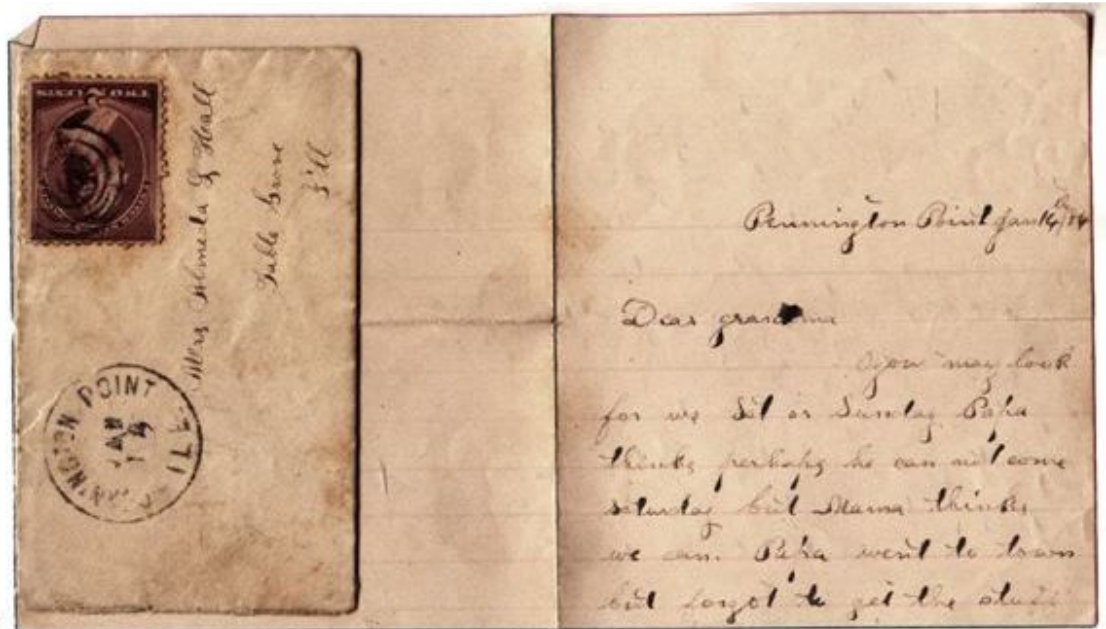
NOTE D.—In making entries in columns 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, an affirmative mark only will be used—thus /, except in the case of divorced persons, column 11, when the letter "D" is to be used.
 NOTE E.—Question No. 12 will only be asked in cases where an affirmative answer has been given either to question 10 or to question 11.
 NOTE F.—Question No. 14 will only be asked in cases where a paid occupation has been reported in column 13.
 NOTE G.—In column 7 an abbreviation in the name of the month may be used, as Jan., Apr., Dec.

Albert was living on a nearby farm owned by John McCay in Newton, Buchanan County, Iowa by the 1880 census and was a farm hand there. This sounds like a very nice place to live and work for a 20 year old young man. I wonder why he moved on. John and Ann McCoy History of Buchanan County, Iowa, With Illustrations and Biographical Sketches Find A Grave Memorial# 51615841



Albert's father, Daniel died in 1880/1882 at Pennington Point, McDonough Co., Ill
This photo of Albert and his sister, Harriet, might have been taken at that funeral.

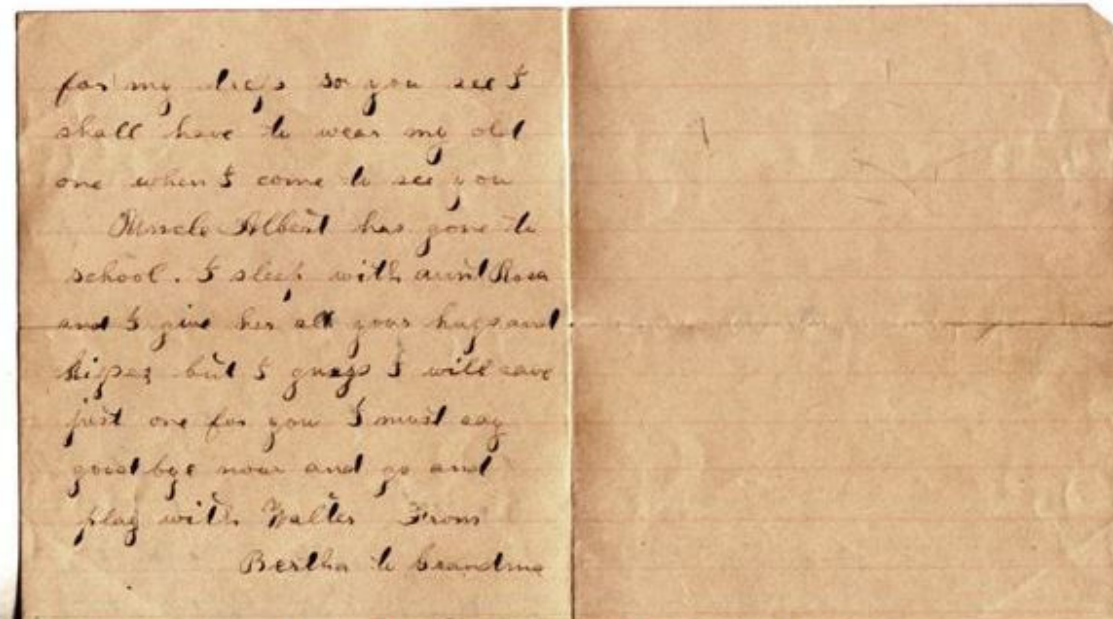
Almeda Woods Hall's daughter, Marcella Hall, m. Francis Cook Ward who was Albert's brother.. Bertha was Marcella and Francis' daughter. Albert was staying with them in 1886. "Uncle Albert went to school." He was 27 years old. Why was he going to school?



Pennington Point Jan 16 [86?84?]

Dear Grandma

You may look for us Sat or Sunday. Papa thinks perhaps he can not come Saturday but Mama thinks we can. Papa went to town but forgot to get the stuff



for my dress so you see I shall have to wear my old one when I come to see you. Uncle Albert has gone to school. I sleep with aunt Rosa and I give her all your hugs and kisses but I [guess?] I will save just one for you I must say good bye now and go and play with Walter From Bertha to Grandma

If he was in Illinois in 1886, where did he go from there? He's missing from 1886 until the 1900 census.

This photo of Anna Grassfield was in Albert's papers. Were they a "couple"? Why did he keep her picture all these years? Just like me, I find things I didn't know I had? Buchanan County and Linn County share a border so Albert was in the vicinity of Maria M. Grassfield's home. She died 9th of May, 1895 in Marion, Linn Co., Iowa. She was born July 24, 1868. Parents: Peter Allen Grassfield (1836 - 1907) Ann Johnson Grassfield (1840 - 1909) Maria was 27 and Albert 35.



Burial: [Oak Shade Cemetery](#) Marion, Linn County, Iowa, USA Plot: Section H
Maria's Find A Grave is here: Memorial ID 15366212

Page 1 of Marion Sentinel, published in Marion, Iowa on Thursday, May 9th, 1895

Miss Maria Grassfield died this morning after a serious illness of several weeks duration. She was the daughter of Peter Grassfield, Sr. and was 26 years old.

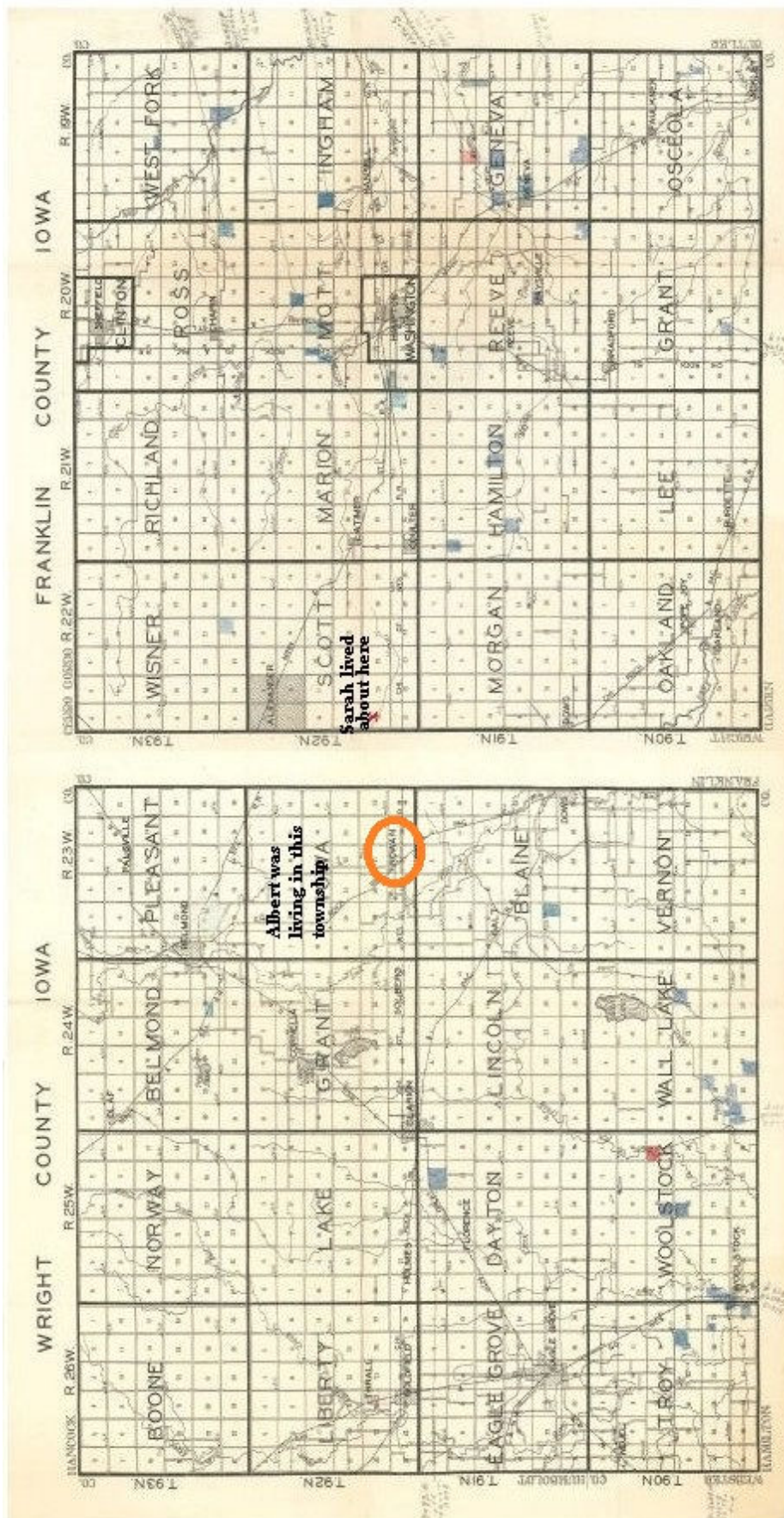
And some additional input from Maria's picture on the tree at [ancestry.com](#)

Maria L. Grassfield, born Paris, IA 7-24-1868, dtr of Peter A, and Ann Grassfield, moved to Marion as a child. D. 5-9-1895. 2. Miss Maria Grassfield, daughter of Night Policeman Grassfield, died this morning after a lingering illness extending over a period of several weeks. Funeral to be announced later. 3. Death record said she died at 6:30 a.m. 4. Said she died of Chronic Diarrhea at

age of 25 yr, 9 mo.

Maria died in 1895. and Sarah's son, Wesley was b. 1897. Was Albert in Linn County or close by when she died? It causes doubt that Albert was Wesley's father. Possible but still a question. If only someone in that line was still alive! DNA testing is a wonderful thing.

When he was 40 years old he had still not settled anywhere and was hired labor on Lorenzo Bingham's farm in Iowa Twp., Wright County, Iowa in 1900. By modern roads that would be approximately 140 miles NW of Linn County. Why did he go there?



Sarah Peters, daughter of Johan Charles Peters and Sophia Herman Peters was born Sept, 1876 in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Her family lived in Cedar Falls and Fairfield until moving to a farm south of Alexander, Iowa about 1886. Recall that Albert was in Illinois with his brother, Francis in 1886.

Sarah's son, Wesley, was born 7 Dec. 1897. Sarah was not married and she and Wesley lived with her parents. Sarah was 21 years old. I think they were living 2 miles south of Alexander on the east side of the road. They might have been living on the Cobb Farm.



I think that's Wesley in the red jacket.

I don't know where or how Albert met Sarah Peters but Sarah's family lived only a few miles from the farm where Albert was working according to the 1900 census. They had their first child together 14 March 1902 and were married in October 1902 in Hampton, Iowa. By W.W. Pattingill, Baptist Minister. I wonder why Baptist since Albert's family was Methodist and the Methodist minister there at the time was Rev. H.W. Troy. The 1925 census gives Sarah's religion as Methodist but Albert and the children have no church affiliation listed.

I've read the old Congregational Church minutes when Sarah's brother, Louis, and his father in law, M.D. Latham were some of the founding members of that church in Alexander, Iowa. There is no mention of any Peters there other than Louie. The church eventually joined with the existing Methodist Church in Alexander.

14 March 1902 "Charlie" Walter Brian Ward was born in Rowan, Iowa. Sarah and Albert must have been living in Rowan but they didn't get married until October 23, 1902.

Sarah's father died Jan. 30, 1902. Was her mother still living? The way this is worded leads me to think she was. I've never found her death and there is no record at Meservey for John Peters although his two young children are buried there with Sophia's parents, B. John Herman and Maria Neuendorf Herman. Was there a church service for John?

John Peters sr. died at the family residence January 30 after a long illness, at the age of 72 years. Burial took place in the Meservey cemetery Sunday afternoon.

Hampton Chronicle Feb 6, 1902

1902 Hampton Chronicle October 23, 1902 reported: "Albert Ward and Sarah Peters were married in Hampton Tuesday of last week." Actual date was 15 Oct 1902. Record shows the marriage performed by Baptist Minister. Sarah was 25 and had two children. Albert was 42. It's possible that Wesley is Albert's son but in pictures, Wesley does not look anything like the other boys.

Mrs. Rice.
Albert Ward and Sarah Peters were married in Hampton Tuesday of last week.

Name: Albert L. Ward

Titles and Terms:

Event Type: Marriage

Event Date: 15 Oct 1902

Event Place: Hampton, Franklin, Iowa, United States

Age: 43

Birth Year (Estimated):

Birthplace: Payson, Mo.

Father's Name: Daniel D. Ward

Father's Titles and Terms:

Mother's Name: Harriet Cook

Mother's Titles and Terms:

Spouse's Name: Sarah Peters

Spouse's Titles and Terms:

Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated): 1874 (actual 1876)

Spouse's Birthplace: Cedar Falls, Iowa

Spouse's Father's Name: John Peters

Spouse's Father's Titles and Terms:

Spouse's Mother's Name: Sophia Hermann

Spouse's Mother's Titles and Terms:

Reference ID:

GS Film Number: 1481259

Digital Folder Number: 004320558

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Independence, Iowa	Iowa	3	FIRST	3	U.S. Census
Sarah Peters	1 28 years	1 John Peters	1 at Hampton, Franklin Co.	Nov 25, 1902	
	2 White		Iowa, Oct 15, 1902	May 11, 1903	
	3 Cedar Falls, Iowa	Sophia Hermann	2 Mary E. Pattengill-Florence E. Pattengill		
Alexander, Iowa	Iowa	3	FIRST	3 W.W. Pattengill, M.C.	

1 1428	1 of green	1 Albert L. Ward	1 43 years	1 Daniel D. Ward
			2 White	
2 Oct 15, 1902	2	2 Rowan, Iowa	3 Payson, Mo.	2 Harriet Cook
		3 Farmer		3 First

Reverend Wilkins resigned June 28, 1902 and Rev. W.W. Pattengil came Oct. 1902. That might explain in part why the marriage didn't occur sooner but it doesn't explain Baptist rather than Methodist.

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Kim Reynolds, Lt. Governor
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DEPUTY STATE REGISTRAR
Jesse Chance

STATE OF IOWA
CERTIFICATE OF VITAL RECORD

To the SECRETARY OF IOWA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
Return of Marriages in the County of Franklin
(State Board of Health, Form No. 2, September 1905) 35- 554

1. Name of bride	2. Name of groom	3. Date of marriage	4. Place of marriage	5. Name of officiant	6. Name of witness
1422	Albert L. Ward	April 23	Payson, Mo	White	Daniel D. Ward
Oct 16, 1908	Rowan, Iowa	Farmer	First	Harriet Newell	

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7. Full name of bride	8. Bride's maiden name	9. Bride's date of birth	10. Bride's place of birth	11. Bride's father's name	12. Bride's mother's name
Sarah Peters	White	June 28	Edgar, Iowa	John Peters	Sophia Hermann
13. Name of groom	14. Groom's date of birth	15. Groom's place of birth	16. Groom's father's name	17. Groom's mother's name	18. Groom's occupation
Albert L. Ward	April 23, 1906	Hancock, Wright County, Iowa	William Cook Ward	Sarah Peters	Section boss in Buffalo Twp., Winnebago County, Iowa
19. Name of officiant	20. Name of witness	21. Name of witness	22. Name of witness	23. Name of witness	24. Name of witness
Daniel D. Ward	Harriet Newell	Harriet Newell	Harriet Newell	Harriet Newell	Harriet Newell

AFFIX SEAL HERE
Date June 2nd 1903
I hereby certify that the above return of Marriages is a correct transcript from the Records in this office.
J. M. Cook, Clerk District Court

Can you believe I paid \$25 for this document!! Just goes to show you anyone can cut and paste but not everyone can charge \$25 for it. I was the fool who paid the asking price.

The Iowa State Census for 1905 lists Albert, Sarah, Wesley, Walter and Albert Ward in Rowan, Iowa.

William Cook Ward was born in Hancock, Wright County, Iowa on 23 March 1906. This needs research; Hancock County and Wright County are next to each other. This also tells me that Albert knew his family history to know to name a child with the middle name Cook and later on the names Daniel Ward and Harriet Newell Ward. How did he know that if he was living with other people from the time he was 4 years old?

When Albert and Sarah's son, Daniel, was born in Buffalo Center 20 Feb 1908 Albert must have been working for the RR. The 1910 census gave his occupation as section boss in Buffalo Twp., Winnebago County, Iowa. The Chicago Rock Island and Pacific, and the Minneapolis and St. Louis were there at that time.

Sarah was 30 and Albert was 49 April 23, 1910 when they lived in Buffalo Center, Iowa. They'd been married 7 years, Sarah was the mother of 5 children, all living. Harold wasn't born until Sept 8 of that year. Sarah answered the census takers questions and she did not know where Albert was born or where his parents were

born. She said her parents were born in Hungary. They lived in a mortgaged house, spoke English and could read and write.

Hank was born in Waverly Nov. 7, 1912. Albert must have been working for the RR.

Harriet Oct 15, 1914 and Frank April 13, 1917 were both born in Lanesboro. The rail road there at that time was Mason City and Fort Dodge Railroad.

The 1915 census says Albert had been in Iowa 51 years and he was 55 years old so he must have come to John Devlin's right after his mother died. He would have been about 4 so that figures out right. Albert said his parents were both from Nova Scotia. He was Methodist. (Some of his siblings were baptized in the Methodist Church in Canada.) Albert earned \$720 in 1914. He was a section boss. He had "common education 10. In 1925 he and Sarah had both completed 4th grade so a bit of discrepancy there. Sarah was 37 and had attended 13 years of school. She was Methodist.

Wesley was 18 and had earned \$270 in 1914

Walter was 12

Albert Jr. was 11

Willie was 9

Daniel was 6

Harold was 4

Henry was 2

Harriet was 4 months

Just to show you how wrong census information can be, in 1920 census Albert was 40 b. Iowa and Sarah was 42! Albert's parents both b. Nova Scotia. Sarah's parents both b. New York. I wonder who answered the census taker's questions. Walter, Albert, William, Daniel, Harold, Henry, Hattie (my mother would set us all straight on that name!) and Frank were all at home. Wesley and Vera were married and living in Waverly with Lesley and Marian Patterson, Vera's brother and sister in law. They lived on West Monroe Street, Waverly, Iowa.

The 1925 census is 2 pages. Sarah 43 said her parents were John Peters and Sophia Herman who married in NY. Albert was 65 and his father was Ward. They each had a 4th grade education. They lived at 309 Madison in Waverly, Iowa. They rented their house for \$12 a month.

1930 Albert was 70 and occupation farming. Where? For who? They lived on 1st Street in Hampton, Iowa. They owned their home valued at \$3,000 but they didn't own a radio or a farm. Sarah answered the census taker's questions and said Albert's father was born in N.S. and his mother in the U.S. Sarah's parents were born in Germany. Henry, 17, Harriet, 15, and Frank, 13, lived at home and all attended school that year.

I wish I could get the original of this picture. I wonder who is standing behind them.
I wonder what year it was taken.



Waverly Republican
Wednesday, October 27, 1937 -- Waverly, Iowa

**rites SATURDAY
FOR A. L. WARD**

**Former Waverly Man Who Died at
Hampton Buried in Har-
lington Cemetery.**

A. L. Ward, 78, died at his home in Hampton Thursday following a short illness. He had visited his sons in Waverly about a week before his death.

Funeral services were held at the Johnson funeral home, Hampton, Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Burial was in Harlington cemetery, Waverly.

Mr. Ward had lived in Waverly for about 15 years before moving to Hampton in 1928. During his residence in Waverly he had been section foreman for the Waterloo, Cedar Falls & Northern railway company.

He is survived by his widow, eight sons and one daughter: Wesley Ward, Walter Ward, Bert Ward, Waverly; Elmer Ward, Tripoli; Dan Ward, Cedar Rapids; Harold Ward, Bellevue, and Henry, Harriet and Frank, Hampton.

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"FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH PURPOSES ONLY"

IOWA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Division of Vital Statistics
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

State Office No. 118

1. PLACE OF DEATH
County Franklin State IOWA Registered No. 118
Township North Union or Village _____ or
City North Union (If death occurred in a hospital or institution give its name instead of street and number) Ward _____
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 2 yrs. 10 mos. 14 da. (If of foreign birth? yrs. mos. da.)

2. FULL NAME Albert Ward
(a) Residence No. Specimen (b) Ward _____ (If non-resident give city or town and State)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX Male 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced (write the word) Married
6. If married, widowed, or divorced, HUSBAND of Sarah Ward (or) WIFE of _____
7. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) Dec 7, 1859
8. AGE Years 77 Months 10 Days 14 (If less than 1 day, min. hrs.)
9. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as plumber, lawyer, bookkeeper, etc. Laborer
10. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc. General
11. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) 1934 12. Total time (years) spent in this occupation Life
13. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) unknown (State or country) _____

FATHER

14. NAME unknown
15. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) _____ (State or country) _____
16. MAIDEN NAME unknown
17. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) _____ (State or country) _____

MOTHER

18. NAME Mrs Sarah Ward
19. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) _____ (State or country) _____
20. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) _____ (State or country) _____

21. DATE OF DEATH October 21, 1937
22. I hereby certify that I attended deceased from Oct 20, 1937 to Oct 21, 1937
23. I saw him alive on Oct 20, 1937, death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at 2 A.M.
The principal cause of death and related causes of importance in order of onset were as follows:
Coronary artery Date of onset 9
Generalized arteriosclerosis
over
Contributory causes of importance not related to principal cause: _____
Name of operation _____ Date of _____
What test confirmed diagnosis? ✓ Was there an autopsy? ✓
24. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following: Accident, suicide, or homicide? _____ Date of injury _____
Where did injury occur? _____ (Specify city or town, county, and State)
Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in house, or in public place _____
Manner of injury _____
Nature of injury _____
25. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? No If so, specify _____
(Signed) W F Ransdale M. D.
(Address) Franklin, Iowa

26. FILED Oct 23, 1937 W F Ransdale Registrar (Over)

should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

Albert died at 2 AM Oct. 21, 1937 at home. I wish I could read the cause of death. If Sarah answered the questions, she didn't remember anything about Albert's family.

Albert died Oct. 21, 1937 in Hampton and is buried in Waverly at Harlington Cemetery. He was 77. Although the inscription says Sarah was born 1870 that is not right. 1876 is more likely from census records. In 1880 she was 4 years old.

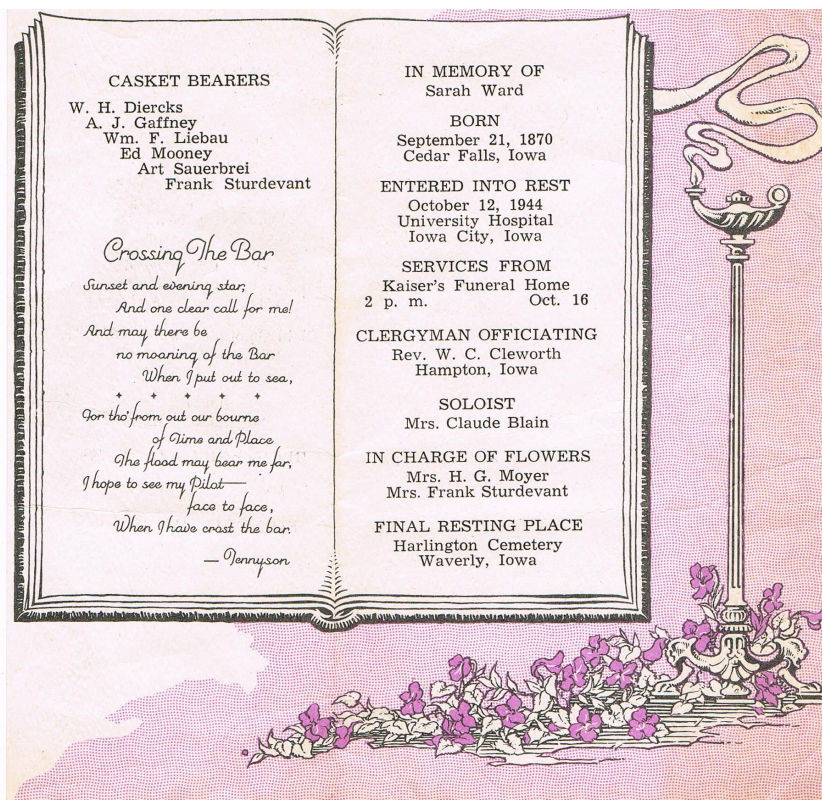


Sarah and the three youngest children, Henry, Frank and Harriet were living in a rented house on 4th Ave. SE in Hampton, Iowa in 1940. \$7 per month.

Sarah died 12 Oct 1944 at University of Iowa Hospital, Iowa City, Iowa from cardiac failure.

RECORD OF DEATHS, No. 7, JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA				131
Official Form No. 1109				KLIPPE LOOSE LEAF CO., MASON CITY, IA.
1. Place of Death. a-b. County and Township, City or Town.		7-8-9. Birth Date of Deceased, Age, Birthplace.		17a-b. Burial, Cremation or Removal and Date.
2. Hospital or Institution, Length of Stay in Hospital.		10-11. Usual Occupation, Industry or Business.		17c. Place of Burial, etc.
3. USUAL RESIDENCE, Length of Stay in Hospital.		12. Father's Name.		18a. Name of Funeral Director.
4. Town and Street No.		13. Father's Birthplace.		18b. Address.
5. Citizen of Foreign Country.		14. Mother's Name.		19. Local Registrar, District, Date Received and File No.
3b. Veteran of What War.		15. Mother's Birthplace.		20-21. Date and Cause of Death.
6a. Sex, Color, Marital Status.		16a. Informant's Name.		22. Accident, Suicide or Homicide.
6b. Name of Wife or Husband, Age if Living.		16b. Informant's Address.		23a. Physician's Name.
				23b. Physician's Address.
Yrs.		7. Sept. 21, 1870		17b. Oct. 16, 1944
JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA		8. 74 Yrs.		17c. Harlington Cemetery
Johnson Co., Iowa City		9. Cedar Falls, Iowa		17d. Waverly, Iowa
1a. 11 Mos. 5 Ds.		10. Housewife		18a. Warren T. Randolph
Iowa City		11. Housewife		Iowa City, Ia.
2b. Univ. Hosp.		12. John Peters		19. Wm. L. Kanak
Iowa		13. No report		52-1
2d. 415 W. Bremer Ave.		14. Sophia Herman		Oct. 16, 1944
Waverly, Ia.		15. No report		2:35 P.M.
Sarah Ward		16a. Wm. Ward		21. Cardiac Failure
Female White Widowed		16b. Waverly, Iowa		22. Oct. 12, 1944
Albert Ward				23a. J. H. Randall, M. D.
				23b. Univ. Hosp. Iowa City

Sarah's birth is not right. No wonder it's wrong on her grave stone. She was only 68.



Searches of databases are frequently made under the assumption that our ancestors gave the correct answers, that those answers were written legibly and that the writing was transcribed correctly. Not everything told to the enumerator of the census was the truth. Keep in mind that your relative may have told the census taker anything or the children or neighbors might have answered the questions.

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